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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S CONVERSATION WITH UK AMBASSADOR

1. UK AMBASSADOR LORD CROMER SAW SECRETARY MAY 10 AND ASKED WHETHER US WOULD BE AGREEABLE TO CONSULTING WITH UK ON POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION DURING UPCOMING SC CONSIDERATION OF MIDDLE EASTERN QUESTION. CROMER SAID THEY ARE NOT HAPPY OVER THE FACT THAT THERE WILL BE AN SC MEETING ON THIS MATTER BUT SINCE THIS IS THE CASE, THEY FEEL IT IS IMPORTANT TO CONCERT WITH US AND POSSIBLY AT A LATER STAGE TO INCLUDE THE FRENCH. CROMER SAID UK DID NOT EXPECT ANY POSITIVE SUBSTANTIVE RESULTS BUT ALSO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT THAT SC OPERATION NOT END UP IN THE SAND, MEANING PRESUMABLY THAT COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS ENDING UP WITHOUT ANY CONCRETE RESULTS.

2. SECRETARY SAID WE PREPARED TO CONSULT ALTHOUGH WE HAD SERIOUS DOUBTS THAT ANYTHING USEFUL COULD COME OF SC EXERCISE. SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT WE SAW NO NEED FOR ANY NEW UN MACHINERY AND WANTED TO BE CERTAIN THAT NOTHING

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DONE IN THE COUNCIL WHICH WOULD ALTER BALANCE OF 242 AND THEREBY MAKE MATTERS WORSE. HE POINTED OUT FOR EXAMPLE THAT WE DO NOT FAVOR CREATION OF SC COMMITTEE, INDICATING

THAT 7 OF THE 15 COUNTRIES ON THE SC DO NOT HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. SECRETARY POINTED OUT THAT IF JARRING OR SYG WANTED TO PICK UP THE BALL ON BASIS OF 242 THAT WAS ANOTHER MATTER. CROMER SHOWED NO SIGNS UK BEING WEDDED TO COMMITTEE IDEA.

3. IT WAS AGREED THAT SISCO AND MOBERLY WOULD MEET ON FRIDAY TO GO OVER MATTERS IN DETAIL. THIS WOULD THEN PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR SCALI AND CROWE TO CARRY FORWARD SUBSEQUENTLY IN CONTEXT OF NORMAL CONSULTATIONS IN NEW YORK. RUSH

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